

March 31st 2019 | 4th Sunday of Lent, Year C

St. Mary Magdalen

Catholic Parish



Rev. Nicholas Glisson, Pastor. His Excellency, Michael Barber, SJ, Bishop — Diocese of Oakland

SUNDAY MASSES

Saturday 5:30 pm (Vigil)
Sunday 8:00, 9:30, 11:00 am

DAILY MASSES

Monday — Saturday 8:00 am
Monday — Friday 5:30 pm

LITURGY OF THE HOURS

Monday — Saturday 7:30 am
Monday — Friday 5:10 pm

ROSARY

Monday — Saturday 8:30 am

SACRAMENT OF RECONCILIATION

Saturday 4:00 pm
(and by appointment)

OFFICE HOURS

Monday — Friday
9:00 am — 5:00 pm
Closed for Lunch: Noon-1:00 pm
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marymagdalen.org



*“Together we share our
Faith in Jesus Christ.*

*We live the Gospel,
and we care for others.”*

BAPTISM:

Preparation classes take place on the first Monday of the month.
Please call the parish office for more information.

CONFIRMATION: Classes take place semi-monthly in the convent after the 9:30 am Mass.

MARRIAGE:

Please contact the pastor at least six months prior to the wedding.

ANOINTING OF THE SICK: The Sacrament is offered at every 5th Sunday Mass, and by appointment.

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Parish Calendar : April 1st - 21st 2019

March 30 & 31	Guest Preacher: Fr. Hilary Martin, O.P. Fr. Hilary will preach at all the Masses.
April 1	PARISH OFFICE CLOSED
Monday	Cesar Chavez Day (Observed)
April 1, 8, 15	Exposition & Adoration (Holy Hour) Mondays of Lent after the 5:30 pm Mass (6:05 pm)
April 3, 10, 17, 24	SPRED (Special Religious Education) Wednesdays from 6:00-9:00 pm in Norton Hall
April 3, 10, 17, 24	RCIA Class (Growing in Faith) 7:00 - 9:00 pm Wednesdays, Conference Room
April 4, 11, 18, 25	Faith Studies - Psalms Thursdays from 7:00 - 9:00 pm in Norton Hall
April 5, 12	Stations of the Cross + Soup Supper 6:05 pm Stations, then Supper in Norton Hall
April 6	Funeral for Tony Moffitt 10:00 am, Church
April 6 & 7	Berkeley Food Pantry Collection (Please see the notice on the page opposite.)
April 7	1st Sunday Dinner for the Poor 12:00 (set up); 3:00 pm (dinner), Parish Hall
April 8	Reconciliation (Penance) Service 7:30 pm, Church. [See below for details.]
April 9	Parish Pastoral Council Meeting 7:00 pm, Conference Room. <i>All are welcome!</i>
April 12	Refugee Aid / Peace & Justice Meeting 4:00 pm, Conference Room. <i>All are welcome!</i>
April 18, 19, 20	Tenebrae Service Thursday/Friday/Saturday, 9:00 am, Church.
April 18	Mass of the Lord's Supper + Adoration 7:30 pm, Church. Adoration in the Parish Hall.
April 19	Passion of the Lord + Veneration of the Cross 1:30 pm, Church. NOTE NEW TIME THIS YEAR!
April 19	Stations of the Cross + Procession 7:00 pm Dominican Garden; process to Church
April 19	CONCERT: "Seven Last Words" 8:00 pm, Church
April 20	EASTER VIGIL 8:00 pm, Berryman Plaza & Church
April 21	EASTER SUNDAY Masses at 8:00 am, 9:30 am & 11:30 am

Lenten Penance Service Monday, April 8th, at 7:30 pm.

Fr. Nick would love to see 100% participation at the upcoming Reconciliation Service! As always, the Act of Contrition will be recited by the congregation *before* confessions.



In addition to our three resident priests, other 'outside' priests will be present. No closing ceremony means that we are free to leave once finished.

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Collections: Week Ending March 24th

Sunday	Actual	Budget	Difference
03/24/2019	\$8,184.09	\$8,843.00	-\$658.91
Year-to-Date:	\$111,059.97	\$106,116.00	+\$4,943.47

We were only \$659 short of our weekly goal last week. Thank you all for your faithful stewardship!



The 2019 Bishop's Appeal has finally begun, and soon you will find donation envelopes and brochures in the pews.

Please go to this website to learn more: oakdiocese.org/giving/bishops-appeal

Berkeley Food Pantry Collection Pickup NEXT WEEKEND

- Canned **tuna** — low-sodium & low-fat
- **Peanut butter** (in plastic jars only)
- **Breakfast cereal + Teabags** (in boxes)
- Canned **soups & beans** — low-sodium
- **Gluten-free grains & pasta + Brown rice**
- **Non-dairy milk**—soy, almond, oat (shelf-stable)
- **Condiments**—ketchup, mustard, salad dressing, & mayonnaise (in plastic jars only)
- **Seasonings** (salt, pepper, spices + cooking oil)
- **Meal replacements + healthy snack foods** for kids
- **Toiletries**—toothbrushes, toothpaste, shampoo, soap, deodorant, feminine hygiene products, etc.

Mass Intentions



Saturday	5:30	For the people of the parish
Sunday	8:00	Madeline Hurd RIP
	9:30	Melquiades Julius Feranil RIP
	11:00	Benita Ricardo Canoy RIP
Monday	8:00	Intentions of Charlie Altekruise and Barbara Banks
	5:30	Margaret Power RIP
Tuesday	8:00	Helen Rendon RIP
	5:30	Intentions of Margaret Doherty
Wednesday	8:00	Helen Rendon RIP
	5:30	Intentions of Maria Fatima Canoy
Thursday	8:00	Helen Rendon RIP
	5:30	Intentions of Stephanie Barrett
Friday	8:00	Intentions of Joselito Jacob and Tizziana Lukban
Saturday	8:00	Helen Rendon RIP

Important Dates for 2019

Please note them on your Calendar.

- ♦ **Stations of the Cross + Soup Supper:** Fridays in Lent, after the 5:30 pm Mass (*Approximately 6:05 pm.*)
- ♦ **Exposition & Adoration:** Mondays in Lent, immediately after the 5:30 pm Mass (*Approximately 6:05 pm.*)
- ♦ **Parish Fundraising Event: Concert & Cuisine,** featuring Andy Canepa, pianist & Lourdes Guzman, cuisine. Solo works by Schumann, Liszt & Chopin. Hillside Church, El Cerrito. Sunday, April 7th, 5:00 - 6:30 pm.
- ♦ **Reconciliation Service:** Monday, April 8th, at 7:30 pm.
- ♦ **Celebration of Fr. Nick's 40th Anniversary of Priesthood.** Saturday, May 25th, after the 5:30 pm Mass: **Party Sunday, May 26th** at 11:00 am: **Anniversary Mass**
- ♦ **2nd Annual Parish-School Picnic.** Sunday, August 25th from 10:30 am to 3:00 pm. Live Oak Park.

Triduum Dates in 2019

[Please note them on your Calendar.]

- ♦ **TENEBRAE SERVICE:** 9:00 am on April 18th, 19th, & 20th.
- ♦ **HOLY THURSDAY:** 7:30 pm on April 18th, followed by Adoration in the Parish Hall until Midnight.
- ♦ **PASSION OF THE LORD WITH VENERATION OF THE CROSS:** April 19th at 1:30 pm. [*Note new time this year.*]
- ♦ **STATIONS OF THE CROSS:** Friday, April 19th, at 7:00 pm in the Dominican Garden, concluding with Procession into the Church.
- ♦ **SEVEN LAST WORDS CONCERT:** Friday at 8:00 pm.
- ♦ **EASTER VIGIL:** 8:00 pm on April 20th, Berryman Plaza & Church.
- ♦ **EASTER SUNDAY:** Masses at 8:00, 9:30 & 11:30 a.m.

Scripture Readings for the Week

31st **FOURTH SUNDAY OF LENT**

Josiah 5:9a, 10-12 / 2 Corinthians 5:17-21 / Luke 15:1-3, 11-32

1st *Lenten Weekday*

Isaiah 65:17-21 / John 4:43-54

2nd *Lenten Weekday* [*Saint Francis of Paola, Hermit*]

47:1-9, 12 / John 5:1-16

3rd *Lenten Weekday*

Isaiah 49:8-15 / John 5:17-30

4th *Lenten Weekday* [*Saint Isidore, Bishop and Doctor*]

Exekiel 32:7-14 / John 5:31-47

5th *Lenten Weekday* [*Saint Vincent Ferrer, Priest*]

Wisdom 2:1a, 12-22 / John 7:1-2, 10, 25-30

6th *Lenten Weekday*

Jeremiah 11:18-20 / John 7:40-53

Notes from Fr. Nick

Parish Renewal ~ Another Parishioner's Perspective

Parishioner John Storella and I had a lively discussion about parish renewal and the state of the Church at the Saint Patrick's Day dinner, which John later outlined to me in a letter. Although I might quibble about a detail or two, I substantially agree with everything he says. I'm publishing it here in the hope that it will stimulate further discussion.

As a priest, your job is to advance the mission of the Catholic Church. That mission is, in a word, evangelization. Evangelization aims to spread the Gospel and to convert individuals and society by the divine power of the Gospel. The Bible speaks of evangelization here: *"Go therefore and make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit, teaching them to observe all that I have commanded you.... Behold, I am with you always, until the close of the age."* (Matthew 28:19-20)

Our parish can do certain things to renew itself, to promote evangelization without fundamentally being evangelical. For example, filling the pews on Sunday promotes evangelization by creating an audience to hear the Good News. However, without the right message, increased attendance is not, itself, evangelical. Creating a space for socializing promotes evangelization by creating a mutually reinforcing sense of community under the auspices of the Church. Yet community alone is not necessarily evangelical. Good music, when it moves the spirit, can be a tool for evangelization. However, if music does not propagate the Holy Spirit, it is not evangelical. All of these tools can be used to create *an environment for evangelization*, but they should not be confused with evangelization.

The decline in church attendance is accentuated by the decline of religion in the West in general. This decline results from many factors far beyond the control of any single priest. Here are some of them:

- ◆ First, we live in an age of Reason and Science which undermines any literal belief in God and the resurrection. As technology advances, this problem is likely to become more, rather than less, acute. Thankfully, the power of religion lies in its timeless metaphorical teachings about the deep nature of humanity and society that transcend reason alone.
- ◆ Second, the Church hierarchy is rightly seen as corrupt and hypocritical. This has seriously diminished the legitimacy and moral authority of the Church as an institution. (But please distinguish the Church as an institution from its moral teachings.) This can only be addressed by a reckoning at the highest levels of Church authority. Perhaps only a revolt from below will motivate them.
- ◆ Third, as government expands the scope of the social programs, the individual's need to feel and demonstrate charity, as focused through the Church, diminishes. Furthermore, the government is a more attractive provider of these services because government has the resources to address people's demands, and does not demand anything in return. (Except, of course, the payment of taxes.) In contrast, the Church can exhort people to *"go out and be Christ in the world,"* requiring them to take individual action, and not to leave it to the government. We, at least, heed Christ's injunction to *"feed the poor"* with our twice monthly Sunday dinners.
- ◆ Fourth, the moral norms of American society and, in particular, of progressives who constitute the local majority, have, in many cases, evolved away from traditional Church teaching. Contraception, abortion, gay marriage, and physician-assisted suicide are prime examples. The idea that persons have agency is attenuated. Penitence is not much in fashion, and certainly is not emphasized as a right of the masses. Therefore, preaching for social justice (which is thought of primarily as a political program) will be warmly received; preaching against any of the seven deadly sins (except, of course, greed), not so much.

So, where does that leave us? In the current social environment, growing the parish may have to be a balancing act, evangelizing on the one hand, while being sensitive to the moral consensus of the community on the other. Bonds within our existing flock can be strengthened, while outreach must include a message that those in the community are receptive to hear. Attending to parishioners' needs for spirituality, mystery and transcendence may also be an attraction. Perhaps we can all agree that we, as a parish, should use all the tools at our disposal to create an environment in which more people will be receptive to hearing and acting on the Good News.

Parish News

St. Vincent de Paul Needs You TODAY!

YOU ARE NEEDED



Help your neighbors in need.
Grow in service, friendship
and spirituality.

Last week, our local conference of St. Vincent de Paul related the story of a home visit they made to a delightful elderly woman in her 80s who had fallen behind in her PG&E bills when her furnace stopped working.

You can help neighbors like this one by donating generously at any

of today's Masses, or through EFT. [Please see last week's Bulletin insert for details on how to donate electronically to SVdP, or any of our parish ministries.]

FYI: Funds collected from the St. Mary Magdalen "Poor Box" (found in the southwest corner of the church) go directly to our SVdP conference's work. P.S. SVdP would like to thank Operation Rice Bowl, which awarded \$500.00 to our conference last year.

Volunteer for the 2019 Berkeley CROP Hunger Walk that takes place on Sunday, May 19th, 1:00 pm. **We need someone to act as liaison between the organizing committee & our parish.** Please contact Maureen Wesolowski **now** at (510) 524-4006. or mwesolowski@gmail.com.

Choose How You Want to Make a Difference — JustFaith Group Starting April 2nd, 2019

JustFaith is a small-group program that invites participants



into a process of learning and discovering how to live more compassionately. *JustFaith helps you explore today's issues as you open your heart and mind to the Spirit of God in our midst*, and dialogue with other participants about how you can make a difference in the world.

The [JustFaith Catholic program](#) now includes *Laudato Si* as its central text. Rooted in Catholic Social Teaching, the program invites participants to love more compassionately, and make a difference in the world. Through reading, prayer, and thought-provoking dialogue, participants will open their hearts to the world while building lasting relationships.

We will be starting an eight-week session of JustFaith on **Tuesdays at 7:00 pm in Norton Hall**, and we invite you to consider this transformational opportunity. For more information, or to sign up, please email Claire Broome at cvbroome@gmail.com.

Peace & Social Justice

Will this person be you? Volunteer(s) Needed for the 2019 Berkeley CROP Hunger Walk on Sunday, May 19th, 1:00 pm. **We need you to be the liaison between our parish and the organizing committee** – a small and fun commitment! Help make this event a success: contact Maureen Wesolowski **now** at (510) 524-4006 or mwesolowski@gmail.com.

TODAY, March 31st, 1:00-3:00 pm - Berkeley Congregation Beth El Immigration Justice Committee presents a free program, "**Moving from Outrage to Action**," in response to criminalizing immigrants, separating families at the border, and blocking asylum seekers.

April 5-14 Faith Climate Action Week. This nationwide event focuses on "how we can take action to protect our climate. For information about this week-long event, see faithclimateactionweek.org.

Friday, April 12th, 11:30 am – Join the next monthly *Interfaith Immigration Vigil* at 630 Sansome Street, S.F., to demonstrate support for immigrants. Outcomes seem to improve when we all "show up"!

Good Friday, April 19, 7:00 am Worship Service:

Keeping Faith offers worship and non-violent act of witness at *Livermore Nuclear Weapons Laboratory*. The Ecumenical Peace Institute/CALC and Livermore Conversion Project sponsor this annual event. Gather at 6:45 am at Vasco and Patterson Pass Roads in Livermore. A community gathering will follow the service (about 10:00-noon). For further information: www.epicalc.org or (510) 990-0374, (510) 654-4983.

Immigration Congressional Watch – House Democrats reintroduced the [Dream and Promise Act of 2019 \(HR 6\)](#) providing protections for *Temporary Protected Status* and *Deferred Enforced Departure* recipients. **What HR 6 does: Offers young immigrants and TPS-holders a path to citizenship.** (The Trump Administration cancelled *Deferred Action for Childhood Arrivals (DACA)* and *Temporary Protection Status (TPS)* in 2017.)

Helps approximately 3.6 million Dreamers, including the 800,000 who have been shielded from deportation and granted a work permit under DACA.

Protects educators and students. Approximately 250,000 students are DACA-eligible, and approximately 9,000 educators working in our nation's public schools are DACA recipients.

Gives Dreamers access to in-state tuition and federal student financial aid.

Concert & Cuisine

A Transporting Evening of Food & Wine
paired with 19th-Century Solo Works
featuring

Andy Canepa, Pianist
Lourdes Guzman, Chef

A Fundraiser for
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Hillside Community Church
1422 Navellier Street, El Cerrito

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Call for tickets: 510-526-4811
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Lecture last Saturday on Julian of Norwich



Many thanks to parishioner Arlene Makita-Acuña for organizing a fascinating lecture by **Veronica Mary Rolf** (pictured above) on the English medieval mystic, Dame Julian of Norwich. *Photo: Emily Onglatco*

Exposition and Benediction of the Blessed Sacrament ("Holy Hour")

is taking place in the Church after the 5:30 pm Mass, starting at approximately 6:05 pm on all the Mondays of Lent.

Please join us on one of these evenings for a sacred time of prayer with our Lord.



Looking After Refugees at Home & Around the World: International Rescue Committee-Oakland

As part of our Lenten giving activities, we are once again working with the Oakland Office of the **International Rescue Committee** (IRC) to



help newly-arrived refugee families in Alameda County. Buy a **Target Gift Card**, in any denomination, and place the gift card (having written the amount on the envelope) in the collection basket any Sunday during Lent (or drop it off at the Parish Office). These gift cards will enable refugees to set up their homes as they become our new neighbors. **Tip: Target Gift Cards can be purchased at Safeway or CVS!**

Celebrate Lent! FRIDAY EVENING STATIONS OF THE CROSS + SOUP SUPPERS



After the 5:30 pm Mass every Friday, the following ministries in our Parish are leading the **Stations of the Cross**, followed by a free, tasty **Soup Supper**.

Please come and join us in prayer in the Church, and fellowship in Norton Hall!

April 5: YAMMs

April 12: Peace & Social Justice / Refugee Aid



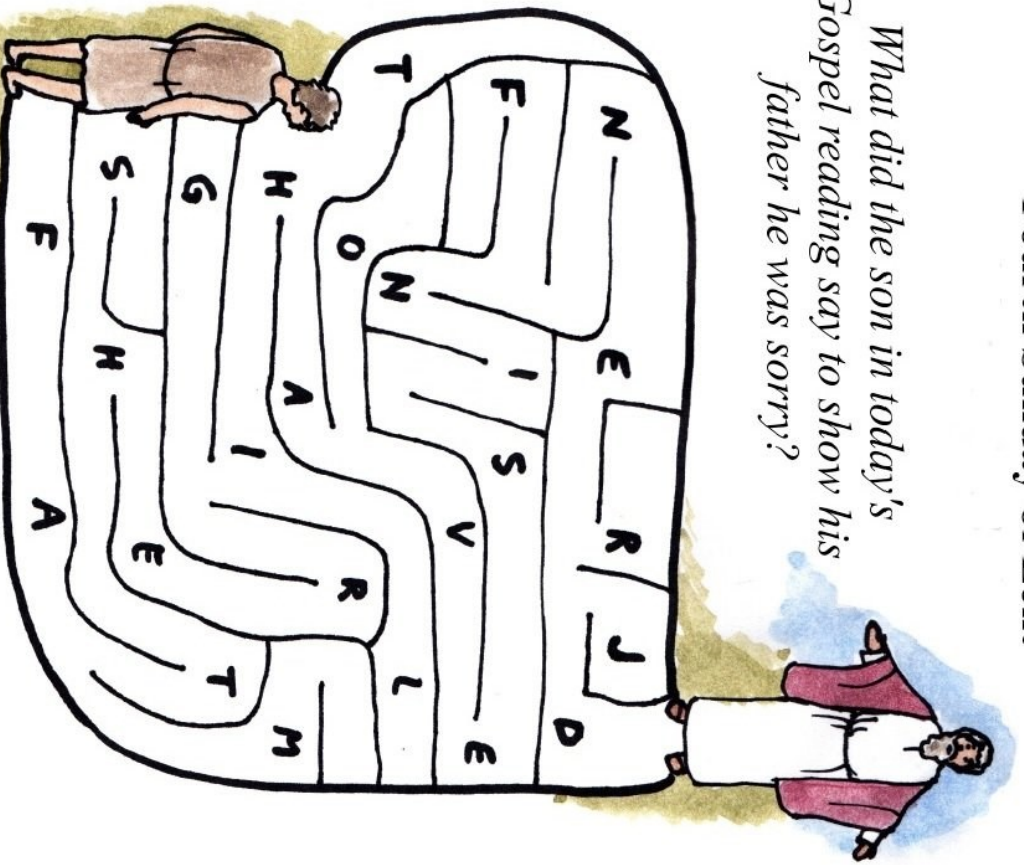
Through CRS Rice Bowl, we journey with members of our human family around the world, and commit our Lenten prayers, fasting and almsgiving to deepening our faith and serving those in need. **Starting on Palm Sunday, bring in your collection boxes and place them in the containers found at the front and back doors of the church.**

The alien who resides with you shall be to you as the citizen among you; you shall love the alien as yourself, for you were aliens in the land of Egypt: I am the Lord your God. (Leviticus 19:34)

The Kids' Bulletin

Fourth Sunday of Lent

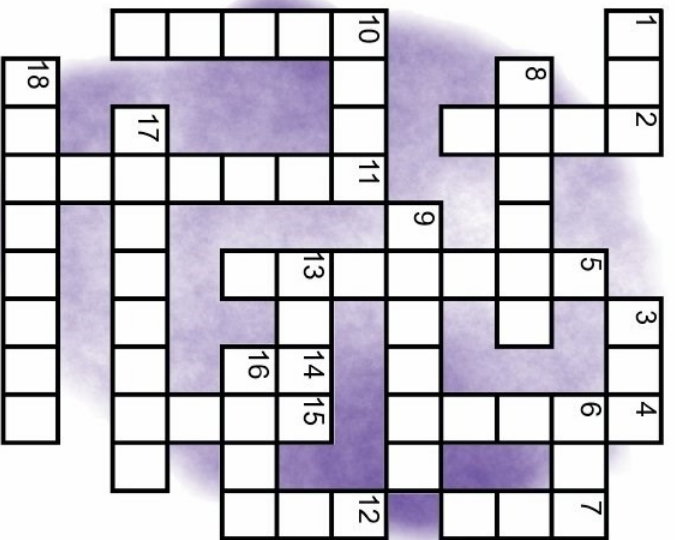
What did the son in today's Gospel reading say to show his father he was sorry?



As you go through the maze, use only the letters in the right path to fill in the blanks:

thekidsbulletin.wordpress.com

Palm 34 Cross-Word Puzzle



Use these words to fill in the blanks for the crossword puzzle:

- FROM
- TERRORS
- PRaise
- SET
- GLORIFY
- LET
- HIS
- ANSWERED
- NAME
- ON
- SEE
- TASTE
- THAT
- HUMBLE
- ITS
- TIMES
- SOUL
- MAKE
- TOGETHER

10D and 12D 10A the Lord is good.
 I will bless the Lord at all 4D,
 His 9A is always 14D my lips;
 In the Lord my 2D shall 15D 6A boast.
 The 8A shall hear and be glad.



5D the Lord with me.
 17A 3A us praise
 1A 16A
 I sought the Lord
 and he 18A me,
 13A all my 11D he 7D me free.